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**RETIREMENT OF WILLIAM  
CASEY**

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, it is with great regret that I rise today to bid farewell to retiring Director of Central Intelligence, William Casey.

In looking back over Mr. Casey's many accomplishments, one realizes how very difficult it would be to recount his career without diminishing the quality of his achievements. His life as a lawyer, an academic, a businessman, and a public servant has been one of rich diversity and significant contribution. From his work as an intelligence officer in World War II, to his ventures in the private sector, to his service as adviser to many Presidents, he has distinguished himself professionally, academically, in civic affairs, and as a member of the intelligence community.

Mr. Casey, it is worthwhile to note, has been our longest tenured Director of Central Intelligence, and he came to that position with an insight formed by his many years of experience with foreign relations and intelligence activities. He has provided stable leadership to America's intelligence community, and, I think as a result of his close relationship to President Reagan, instilled a renewed confidence in the role of intelligence in meeting the challenges of foreign policy. He boosted the morale of the employees of our various intelligence agencies, restoring to them a sense of institutional pride and historical purpose in their endeavors.

We are saying goodbye to one who has served his country selflessly. I am certain that Bill will continue to excel in his future enterprises—we will long remember the fine job he has done for this Nation. Our prayers are with him in his convalescence, and we wish him the very best.●

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